

FOI DOF/2026-0348

Request

RE: IRC313542 – Deputy Principal

1. Have any other requests for reschedule been requested as part of this competition? Number and reason.
2. Have any of these requests been accommodated? Number
3. Are there circumstances which requests for reschedule will be considered? What circumstances?
4. The rationale for not accommodating my request for a rescheduled interview.
5. Is there a mechanism for complaint / appeal against this decision and if so please provide details.

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

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3. As outlined in the CIB, reschedule requests are only considered in exceptional circumstances only.
4. See answer to Q3 above.
5. Candidates can supply additional information to support their request which will be considered.